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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 30, 2000

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000061

For Exemption from Physical  
Collocation at its Bethia,  
Gayton Road, Herndon, and  
Centreville Central Offices

FINAL ORDER

On March 3, 2000, Bell Atlantic - Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"), filed with the Commission a request for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Bethia, Gayton Road, and Herndon central offices. On March 13, 2000, BA-VA filed an additional request for exemption from physical collocation at its Centreville office.

On March 24, 2000, the Commission entered an Order directing interested parties to comment on BA-VA's requests and the Commission's Staff to investigate the requests for exemption and file a report. On April 20, 2000, Cavalier Telephone, LLC ("Cavalier"), filed comments stating that additional collocation space exists at BA-VA's Gayton Road central office and requesting that the Commission deny BA-VA's request for exemption to provide physical collocation at this central office.

On May 15, 2000, the Staff filed its report in this case. In its report, Staff recommended that BA-VA withdraw its exemption request for the Bethia central office; or, in the alternative, that the Commission deny BA-VA's request for exemption for this central office because the amount of available collocation space in the office exceeds the amount of currently requested space. The Staff recommended that the Commission grant BA-VA's requests for exemption for its Centreville, Gayton Road, and Herndon offices pursuant to § 251(c)(6) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") and the Commission's Collocation Rules, 20 VAC 5-400-200. With regard to the Gayton Road central office, the Staff stated that some of the space identified by Cavalier cannot be used for collocation space because no access to the equipment would be possible in the configuration suggested, and some of the space is needed by BA-VA for a Plug-In Card Storage cabinet. Further, the Staff recommended that any exemptions granted for the Centreville, Gayton Road, or Herndon offices be terminated once scheduled building additions are completed at those offices.

On May 17, 2000, BA-VA withdrew its exemption request for the Bethia central office.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, § 251(c)(6) of the Act, the Commission's Collocation Rules, Cavalier's comments, and the Staff report, the Commission is of the opinion

and finds that BA-VA's requests for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation at its Centreville, Herndon, and Gayton Road offices should be granted; and that BA-VA's withdrawal of its request for exemption for the Bethia central office should be accepted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) BA-VA's requests for exemption from the requirements to provide physical collocation at its Centreville, Herndon, and Gayton Road offices are granted.

(2) BA-VA shall notify the Staff once the scheduled building additions are completed at the Centreville, Herndon, and Gayton Road central offices.

(3) Once scheduled building additions are completed at the Centreville, Herndon, and Gayton Road central offices, the exemptions will be terminated.

(4) BA-VA's withdrawal of its requested exemption for the Bethia central office is accepted.

(5) There being nothing further to be done herein, this matter shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active cases and the papers filed herein placed in the Commission's file for ended causes.